

# NEURO

SUMMARY OF

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# NERVE TUMORS

	NEURO-FIBROMA “ENDOMURIUM”					NEURO-BLASTOMA												
	SOLITARY	DERMAL	PLEXI-FORM	NEURO-FIBRO-SARCOMA	NEUROFIBROMATOSIS	(highly malig.)												
ORIGIN	Intermediate ns. (Median / Femoral)	Terminal filaments of cutaneous ns.	Terminal ns. extending to intermediate ns.	1) Denovo. 2) Malig. degene. in NF.	Endoneurium.	Adrenal medulla or Sympathetic chain.												
MIC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Spindle</b> cells → arranged in bundles or whorls</li><li>• <b>Nuclei</b> → elongated, hyperchromatic , <b>pallisade</b> arrangement.</li></ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>MAC:</b> Irregular – large fleshy mass with areas of HNC.</li><li>• <b>MIC:</b> spindle cell sarcoma.</li><li>• <b>SPREAD</b> mainly by blood.</li></ul>		Reddish brown, soft, hge swelling. Round cells arranged in <b>rosette</b> .												
AGE	20 – 50 ys.	Puberty	Child hood															
C/P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>NO:</b> Solitary</li><li>• <b>SITE:</b> Along ! course.</li><li>• <b>SIZE:</b> Moderate.</li><li>• <b>SHAPE:</b> Oval.</li><li>• <b>SURF.:</b> Smooth.</li><li>• <b>SP. CCC:</b> <b>Moves across but not along the n. tender but not painful.</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>NO:</b> Multiple.</li><li>• <b>SITE:</b> except palm &amp; soles.</li><li>• <b>SIZE:</b> <b>pin head sized</b> have limits.</li><li>• <b>SHAPE:</b> Oval.</li><li>• <b>SURF.:</b> Lobular.</li><li>• <b>SP. CCC:</b> <b>Stinging pain. Café au lait patches.</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>NO:</b> Solitary</li><li>• <b>SITE:</b> Trigeminal distrib.</li><li>• <b>SIZE:</b> <b>V. large</b> with no limits.</li><li>• <b>SKIN OVERLYING:</b> thick, pigmented, redundant.</li><li>• <b>PAINFUL.</b></li><li>• <b>DISFIGUREMENT.</b></li><li>• <b>NEURO</b> deficits.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>PAINFUL RAPIDLY GROWING MASS.</b></li><li>• <b>NEURO</b> DEFICITS.</li><li>• <b>INVEST.:</b> CT GUIDED BIOPSY + CT &amp; MRI.</li></ul> <table><tr><th></th><th>TYPE 1</th><th>TYPE 2</th></tr><tr><td>%</td><td>90%</td><td>10%</td></tr><tr><td>Gene</td><td>on Ch. 17q (AD)</td><td>on Ch. 22q</td></tr><tr><td>Ass.</td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Café au lait patches</li><li>• Freckling in axilla.</li><li>• Optic glioma/ iris hamartoma.</li><li>• Sphenoid dysplasia</li></ul></td><td>Bilat. Acoustic neuroma.</td></tr></table>		TYPE 1	TYPE 2	%	90%	10%	Gene	on Ch. 17q (AD)	on Ch. 22q	Ass.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Café au lait patches</li><li>• Freckling in axilla.</li><li>• Optic glioma/ iris hamartoma.</li><li>• Sphenoid dysplasia</li></ul>	Bilat. Acoustic neuroma.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>SWELLINGS</b> as solitary but multiple &amp; generalized.</li><li>• <b>TYPES:</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>EARLY METASTASIS BY ALL ROUTES TO BONE.</b></li><li>• Large <b>retro-peritoneal mass.</b></li><li>• <b>COMPLICATIONS:</b> ✓ <b>CHEST</b> → breathing problems. ✓ <b>SC</b> → weakness. ✓ <b>BM</b> → anemia. ✓ <b>LONG BONES</b> → pain &amp; limping.</li><li>• <b>DD = NEPHRO-BLASTOMA.</b></li><li>• <b>INVEST.:</b> CT – MRI – mIBG scan</li></ul>
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MALIG.	Very minimal	*	10 % malig.. to MPNST.	It is a malig. tumor	Myxo. / Sarcomatous													
TTT.	EXCISION	EXCISION	V. DIFFICULT TO REMOVE → <b>ONLY DEBULKING.</b>	<b>AS EWING’S TUMORS:</b> 1) Wide local excision followed by radio-th. to avoid recurrence. 2) Amputation if extensive.	<b>EXCISION ONLY IF:</b> 1) V. large. 2) Painful. 3) Pr. symptoms.	<b>RESECTION + RADIO TH. “highly-sensitive” but v. bad prognosis dt early metastasis.</b>												
<div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• M/C tumor of childhood &amp; infancy → leukemia.</li><li>• M/C solid tumor in childhood → Meduallo-blastoma.</li><li>• M/C solid tumor in infancy → neuroblastoma.</li><li>• M/C extra-cranial solid tumor in childhood → neuroblastoma.</li></ul></div>																		

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# Fracture Skull

- All are **compound**.
- MOSTLY due to **indirect** trauma.
- High risk for **meningitis**.

	Fracture Vault			Fracture Skull base			
	FISSURE FRACTURE	DEPRESSED FRACTURE		ANT. CF	MIDDLE CF	POST CF	
		SIMPLE DEPRESSED	COMPOUND DEPRESSED	TRAUMA	Direct trauma to the vault	Direct or blow to the chin	Direct or trauma to the spine
TRAUMA	Blunt trauma	Mild Blunt trauma	Sharp or heavy Blunt trauma	BLOOD	epistaxis. <b>Panda sign</b> DD = black eye of sub-conj. hge	bleeding / ear. <b>Battle's sign</b> Scalp emphysema around the ear.	bleeding / mouth <b>sub-occ. hematoma &amp; neck stiffness</b>
C/P & COMP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>SIMPLE</b> → hematoma only felt.</li><li>• <b>COMPOUND</b> → seen through the scalp wound.</li></ul> <p><u>COMPLICATIONS:</u></p> <p>1) Associated IC injury.</p> <p>2) <b>EDH if MMA was injured.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>POND FRACTURE.</b> (just indentation)</li><li>• ± MASKED BY scalp hematoma.</li><li>• <b>NO DURAL</b> injury.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SCALP WOUND.</li><li>• DURAL LACERATION → <b>CSF leak</b> + Brain tissue.</li></ul> <p><u>COMPLICATIONS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brain injury.</li><li>• IC infection &amp; hge.</li></ul>	CSF	CSF rhinorrhea with <b>salty</b> taste	CSF otorrhea	
INVEST.	X-Ray + <b>CT SCAN TO EXCLUDE EDH.</b>			CRANIAL Ns.	1 – 3 – 4 – 6 ophth. of 5	7, 8 + max. & mandib. of 5	9 – 10 – 11 (bulbar palsy)
TTT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>SIMPLE</b> → nothing.</li><li>• <b>COMPOUND</b> → <b>wound ttt.</b> only except if Neuro deficit or EDH</li></ul> <p>↓</p> <p><b>Fracture Excision</b> with a bone nibbling forceps.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Corrects itself by time.</li><li>• <b>IF DEPRESSION &gt; 1CM</b> → Surgical repair.</li></ul> <p><u>NB: CSF leak</u></p> <div><div>Depressed fr.ature</div><div>↓</div><div>Surgical repair</div></div> <div><div>Fracture Base</div><div>↓</div><div>Conserve 10 days</div></div>	<p><b>ABS + SURGICAL REPAIR IF:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Neuro deficit.</li><li>2) CSF leak.</li><li>3) Compound depressed fr. even if no neuro manifest.</li></ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <i>Depressed fr. → disimpacted by a bone elevator through a burr hole.</i></li><li>✓ <i>Loose or comminuted depressed fr. → reconstruct with <b>titanium mesh</b>.</i></li><li>✓ <i>Brain damage → Irrig &amp; suction.</i></li><li>✓ <i>Scalp wound → close + leave a SC drain for 48 hrs.</i></li></ul>	<p><b><u>"AIM = TTT. OF CSF LEAK → 3 LINES"</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) <b>PREVENT INFECTION</b> → ABS.</li><li>2) <b>CONTROL OF CSF LEAK</b> → <b>CONSERVE 10 DAYS:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>NOSE</b> → Semi-sitting pos. + freq. mopping.</li><li>• <b>EAR</b> → No packs to avoid infection.</li><li>• <b>MOUTH</b> → Aspiration to avoid suffocation.</li><li>• ↓ <b>ICT</b> → see later.</li></ul><p>➤ <b>IF FAILED</b> → <b>CLOSURE BY DURAL GRAFT.</b></p></li><li>3) <b>BRAIN DAMAGE</b> → Irrigation&amp; suction.</li></ol>			

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# INTRA-CRANIAL HGE

	EDH OR “EPI-DURAL”	SDH		SAH
		ACUTE SDH	CHRONIC SDH	
ETIO.	<b>Direct impact</b> trauma or fracture	<b>Linear</b> acceleration trauma <b>[within 24 hrs.]</b>	<b>Minor</b> trauma in old age, alcoholic <b>[within 3wks to 3ms]</b>	1) <b>RUPTURE ANEURYSM IN CIRCLE OF WILLI’S.</b> (M/C)
SOURCE	1) <b>MMA ant. branch.</b> (M/C) 2) <b>SSS.</b> (Super sagittal Sinus) 3) <b>Diploic veins.</b>	Bridging cerebral veins	1 of the superior <b>Cerebral veins</b>	2) A-V malformation. 3) HTN or Anti-coag. therapy. 4) Malig. brain tumor.
C/P	<div><div><div>• <b>1<sup>ST</sup> PHASE = CONCUSSION</b> <i>momentary loss of conscious – relaxed ms &amp; sphincters, rapid weak pulse – <b>slow</b> shallow breathing – reactive pupil.</i></div><div>• <b>2<sup>ND</sup> PHASE = LUCID INTERVAL</b> usually (not always)</div><div><b>3<sup>RD</sup> PHASE = COMPRESSION</b></div></div><div><div>↑ ICT</div><div>CONTRA-LAT PYRAMIDAL AFF.</div><div>UNCAL HERNIATION</div><div>BS HERNIATION VIA FM AFFECTING VC</div></div><div><div>headache, vomiting &amp; blurry vision <b>6th CN</b> is the 1<sup>st</sup> affected.</div><div>Hem-paresis. Hyper-tonia. Hyper-reflexia. Babiniski’s sign.</div><div><b>Compression on III N.</b> → <b>Hutchinson’s pupillary changes:</b> <i>ipsilateral miosis, then dilatation (MAIN), then bilateral fixed pupil</i></div><div>1) <b>CUSHING’S TRIAD:</b> ↓ HR / HTN / Chyne-Stokes resp. 2) <b>Decerebrate</b> or flaccidity. 3) <b>Hyper-thermia.</b> 4) <b>Dilated fixed pupil.</b> 5) <b>Sphincteric control loss.</b></div></div></div> <div><div>as EDH but <b>usually lucid interval is absent</b></div><div>↓</div><div>Persistent loss of consciousness</div><div>↓</div><div><b>Worse prognosis</b></div><div><b>“DD = EDH”</b></div></div>	1) <b>HX. OF MILD TRAUMA.</b> (pass un-noticed) 2) <b>VAGUE SYMPTOMS.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chronic headache.</li><li>Mental apathy.</li><li>Memory loss.</li></ul> 3) <b>PAPILLEDEMA.</b> 4) ↑ <b>ICT + JOKER</b> of any SOL.  <b>“DD = BRAIN TUMOR – ABSCESS – PSYCHOSIS”</b>	<b>SUDDEN ONSET OF SEVER INTRACTABLE HEADACHE</b>  <b>Signs of MENINGISM</b> <b>dt its irritation by RBCs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Neck stiffness &amp; phtophobia.</li><li>III n. affection.</li><li><b>+VE KERNIG’S SIGN:</b> Spasm of hamstrings ms. → knee flexion when the hip is flexed to 90°.</li><li><b>BRUDZINSKI’S SIGN:</b> Neck flexion → flexion of hips &amp; knees.</li></ul>	
INVEST.	CT SCAN <b>NO CONTRAST</b> → <b>hyper-dense. “bi-convex”</b> <i>“not always done only if the pt. is stabilized”</i>	CT SCAN → <b>hyper-dense “cavo-convex = crescentic”</b>	1) CT SCAN → <b>hypo-dense. “cyst”</b> 2) FUNDUS EXAM. → <b>papilledema.</b>	1) CT SCAN & CEREBRAL ANGIO. 2) LUMBAR PUNC. → <i>Bl. stained + Xantho-chromia.</i>
TTT.	<b>ATLS + MEASURES TO ↓ ICT &lt; 20 MMHG + ETT is a must if GCS &lt; 9 + CRANIOTOMY VI OSTEO-PLASTIC FLAP</b>			
	<div><div>(1) <b>HEMATOMA</b> → evacuation.</div><div>(2) <b>BLEEDING A.</b> → ligation or bi-polar diathermy*/ <b>bony canal</b> → *or Surgicell.</div><div>(3) <b>SSS TEAR</b> → suture if small or ligation if large.</div><div>(4) <b>DIPLOIC V.</b> → crush bone over it or bony wax.</div></div> <div><b>If all failed.. ligate at foramen spinosum!</b></div>		<b>SAME AS EDH + OPEN ! DURA</b> <i>&amp; leave a drain → then close.</i>	
			1) <b>HEMATOMA</b> → evacuation. 2) <b>CLIPPING</b> of the aneurysm. 3) <b>RECENTLY</b> → Endo-vascular coiling.	

# BRAIN TUMORS

M/C is  
brain 2<sup>ries</sup>

	ASTROCYTOMA	MEDULLO-BLASTOMA	MENINGIOMA	CRANIO-PHARYNGIOMA
%	M/C 1 <sup>ry</sup> malig. brain tumor	M/C 1 <sup>ry</sup> malig. tumor in children	2 <sup>nd</sup> M/C 1 <sup>ry</sup> tumor of the CNS	
ORIGIN	Glial cells "Intra- medullary"	Embryonic "Toti potent cells"	Arachnoid of meninges... F > M. "Intra-dural / extra-medullary"	Rathke's pouch "remnant of ant. pituitary"
SITE		Cerebellum or post. fossa	Sphenoidal wing & Olf. groove	Supra-cellar
NB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Low grade</b> → I, II.</li> <li>• <b>V. high grade</b> → IV Glioblastoma multi-forme. (M/C)</li> </ul>	Highly malignant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benign. (80 %)</li> <li>• Whorly app. + psamoma bodies.</li> <li>• Skull <b>Hyper-ostosis</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benign, Cystic &amp; Supra-cellar Ca<sup>+</sup></li> <li>• <b>Bi-temporal Hemi-Anopia</b> dt comp. on optic chiasma.</li> </ul>
OTHER TUMORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OLIGO-DENDRO-GLIOMA</b> → highly malig.</li> <li>• <b>EPENDYMOMA</b> → Hydrocephalus.</li> </ul>	<b>PITUITARY ADENOMA "Non- functioning"</b> - <b>PROLACTINOMA = M/C PITUITARY TUMOR. (40%)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bi-temporal hemi-anopia dt comp. on optic chiasma.</li> <li>• may be part of MEN I.</li> </ul>		

## INVEST.

X-RAY →  
"OF NO VALUE"

- 1) SIGNS OF ↑ICT.  
2) SIGNS OF SPECIFIC TUMORS:
- **CRANIO-PH.** → supra-cellar Ca<sup>++</sup>.
  - **MENINGIOMA** → hyper-ostosis.

- 1) **CT SCAN** → **ASTROCYTOMA** → hypo-dense with periph. ENHANCEMENT. (SAME AS ABSCESS)  
2) **MRI** → Abscess is **hyper-intense**, but **high grade ASTROCYTOMA** MAY BE ALSO **hyper-intense**.  
3) **4 Vs. ANGIO** → if highly VASCULAR TUMOR → Gel foam embolization 2 days b4 SURGERY.  
4) **STERO-TACTIC BIOPSY**.

## TREATMENT

### ALL BENIGN BRAIN TUMORS

Surgical Excision Only  
EXCEPT **CRANIO-ph.**  
is followed by Radio-th.

**If superf.** → Excision via craniotomy.  
**If deep** → Stereo-tactic excision.  
**if small** → Stereo-tactic Body Radioth. (SBRT)

### ALL MALIG. BRAIN TUMORS

Surgical Excision+ Radio-th.  
EXCEPT **ASTROCYTOMA**  
(GRADE I,II) SURGERY only

# C/P OF BRAIN TUMORS

May be

- Asymptomatic
- Impairment of function.
- Convulsions.

↑ICT

4 Ps

## 1) PERSISTENT HEADACHE.

- due to stretch of meninges.
- NEVER EXPERIENCED b4.
- NOT RELATED TO SITE OF TUMOR.

## 2) PROJECTILE VOMITING. (NOT PRECEDED BY NAUSEA dt ⊕ of CTZ in MO → NOT RELATED TO MEALS)

## 3) PAPILLEDEMA → BLURRY V.

## 4) BRAIN EDEMA AROUND THE TUMOR dt the defective BBB of the tumor's BVs.

MEASURES TO ↓ ICT TO < 20 mmHg:  
(specially in IC hge)

- 1) Semi-sitting position.
- 2) Neck STRAIGHT → ↓ JV kinking.
- 3) Hyper-ventilation "MOST. Imp."  
→ ↓CO<sub>2</sub> → ↓ VD → ↓ BRAIN EDEMA.
- 4) MANNITOL.
- 5) DEXAMETHAZONE → ↓ VASOGENIC BRAIN EDEMA.

JOKER  
OF ANY SOL

DEPENDS ON THE  
ACTUAL SITE OF TUMOR

- **MOTOR AREA** → hemi-plegia.
- **SPEECH AREA** → Aphasia.
- **FRONTAL LOBE** → PERSONALITY CHANGES.
- **POST. FOSSA** → IN-COORD. & ATAXIA.

COMPRESSION

6<sup>th</sup> CN palsy  
"LONGEST IC COURSE"

## Bitemp. HEMIANOPIA

in PITUITARY &  
CRANIOPH. dt compr.  
ON OPTIC CHIASMA

## HYDROCEPHALUS in EPENDYMOMA

# BRAIN ABSCESS

## ETIOLOGY

CA → STAPH. OR STREPT "MILLERI".

### 1) SEPTIC FOCUS:

- Chronic OM / FRONTAL SINUSITIS / MASTOIDITIS.
- TONSILLAR / DENTAL ABSCESS.

### 2) POST-TRAUMATIC.

### 3) IMMUNO-COMPROMISED.

## CL./P

↑ ICT + JOKER OF ANY SOL +

- CHRONIC S. HEADACHE.
- LOW GRADE FEVER.

• M/C org. → Staph. or strept.

• M/C site → temporal lobe.

• M/C cause → Chronic OM.

➤ All abscess are ttt by drainage **except**  
**Amoebic, Brain, Cold abscess**  
→ **Aspiration is the 1<sup>st</sup> line.**

## INVEST.

### Lab

**# LUMBAR PUNCTURE**  
→ **FATAL CONIZATION.**

- 1) LEUCOCYTOSIS.
- 2) ↑ ESR.
- 3) STEREO-TACTIC C&S.

### Radio

**1) CT SCAN** → **hypo-dense** with  
periph. ENHANCEMENT.

DD = ASTROCYTOMA

**2) MRI "OF CHOICE"** → **hyper-**  
**INTENSE** dt ↑ PROTEIN CONTENT.

## TREATMENT

< 1.5 CM

### ABS

- G +VE → Penicillin.
- G -VE → GENTAMYCIN.
- ANAEROBE → METRONIDAZOLE.

> 1.5 CM  
OR failed ...

### Aspiration "closed drainage"

**"STEREO-TACTIC" IF**

- Multiple.
- DEEP (INACCESSIBLE).
- CRITICAL LOCATION.

### Excision if

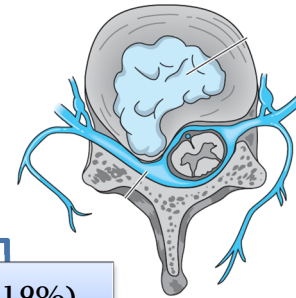
- Multi-locular.
- Superficial.
- FB.
- FUNGAL.



# DISC PROLAPSE

GADWAL  
P. 131 + 133

DEF. = HERNIATION of NUCLEUS pulposus through ANNULUS fibrosis!



## INVEST.

### 1) X-RAY & CT SCAN

- NARROW disc space .
- OSTEOPHYTES dt  $Ca^{++}$  of the prolapsed disc.

2) MRI "OF CHOICE" → disc PROTRUSION in th SC.

3) MYELOGRAPHY. "OBSELETE"

## ETIOLOGY

- 1) TRAUMATIC (80%)** dt lifting HEAVY objects in UN-GUARDED spine position → TEAR in NP.
- 2) DEGENERATIVE (20%)**

## DIRECTION

- 1) POSTERO-LAT. (M/C)** → Root comp.
- 2) Post. → SC comp.

## LEVEL

LUMBAR (80%)

Cx. (19%)

**L<sub>4-5</sub> / L<sub>5</sub> S<sub>1</sub>**

**C<sub>6-7</sub> / C<sub>5-6</sub>**

## SYMPTOMS

- 1) LOW BACK PAIN** (even without n. compression dt annulus tear)
- 2) SCOLIOSIS** contra-lat to lesion.
- 3) CAUDA EQUINA.** (S<sub>5</sub>, SEE LATER)
- 4) MOTOR / SENSORY?!**

L<sub>4/5</sub> → L<sub>5</sub> ROOT

L<sub>5</sub> / S<sub>1</sub> → S<sub>1</sub> ROOT

### SENSORY LOSS!

- Thigh post.
- Leg lat.
- Big toe + dorsum of foot

- Back of leg.
- Sole of foot.

### MOTOR PARALYSIS!

- WEAK DORSI-FLEXION OF ANKLE & BIG TOE.**

- WEAK ANKLE PLANTAR FLEX
- ABSENT ANKLE J. (S<sub>1</sub>)**

## SIGNS

### SLR TEST

Sciatic N. stretch  
"pain gets worse"

**CROSSED SLR TEST**  
asses response to conserv. ttt.

### REVERSED SLR TEST

femoral N. stretch  
"pain along its dist."

## TREATMENT

### CONSERVATIVE

- REST + Wt. REDUCTION.
- Analg. & Anti-inflam.
- Ms. RELAXANT.
- Physio-THERAPY

### SURGERY

(Aim = Root decompression)

- 1) SPHINCTERIC DIST.**
- 2) SEVER MOTOR AFFECTON.**
- 3) SEVER SENSORY LOSS.**

**BY LAMINECTOMY OR  $\mu$ -DISCECTOMY**



# Fracture Spine

## ETIOLOGY

### TRAUMIC

- 1) hyper-flexion → (M/C)
- 2) VERTICAL (axial load) → fall from ht. ON FEET.
- 3) hyper-EXTENSION. (RARE)
- 4) **Whip lash** → "COMBINED flexion & hyper-EXTENSION WHEN A CAR IS HIT FROM BEHIND"

### PATHOLOGICAL

- METASTASIS.
- OSTEO-POROSIS.

## TYPES

### Stable

- 1) Wedge COMPRESSION.
- 2) COMMUNUTED (BURST).
- 3) AVULSION FRACTURE OF TRANSV. & spinous process..

### UNSTABLE

#### **post. lig tear**

FRACTURE dislocation.

- If ANGULATION:  $>11^{\circ}$  in Cx. FRACTURE.  
 $>25^{\circ}$  in THORACOLUMBAR.
- If SC COMPRESSION  $>40\%$

**INVEST.**  
P-X-ray/ CT/ MRI if  
suspecting SC injury

## CL./P

### ORTHO SCHEME + DEFORMITY

- 1) Kyphosis. (dt wedge fracture)
- 2) SEPERATION OF THE spinous process.
- 3) NEURO MANIFEST. in **UNSTABLE** FRACTURES.

#### COMPLICATIONS

#### "AS SCHEME + SC COMPLICATION"

eg. SC CONCUSSION, LACERATION, TRANSECTION.  
(SEE MISC. VVV imp.)

## TREATMENT

### Cx. INJURY

#### ATLS + 1<sup>ST</sup> AID

NEVER TRY TO MOVE THE PT.  
Cx. Collar ONCE SUSPECTED

#### STABLE

CONTINUE Cx. Collar for 6-8 wks.  
CR + EF by MINERVA PLASTER for 3ms.

#### UNSTABLE

- Skull TRACTION (recently: halo-vest) for 6 wks. followed by Cx. collar for 1 m.
- If SC injury → OR + IF

### THORACO-LUMBAR

NEVER TRY TO MOVE THE PT.  
Log roll. (held ON STRETCHER ALL  
IN ONE PIECE)

TLSO for 3 ms.

& Bed rest as fr. pelvis.

- CR + EF by PLASTER JACKET.
- If SC injury → OR + IF

# SPINA BIFIDA

- **Def. = Split or Open spine.**
- **M/C site** → lumbar area.
- **Folic A.** during pregnancy lowers the incidence

SPINA BIFIDA OCCULTA		SPINA BIFIDA OVERTA	
	10 % of population	MENINGO-COELE	MENINGO-MYELO-CELE
<b>PATHOLOGY</b>	Complete development except bifid spine.	Bulging of <b>Meninges only</b>	(M/C) Bulging of <b>Meninges + SC</b>
<b>CL./P</b>	<p>1) <b>ASYMPTOMATIC.</b></p> <p>2) <b>4 SIGNS ON THE LOWER BACK:</b></p> <p>a) <b>Skin dimple</b> → dt incomplete separation of f. terminale from skin.</p> <p>b) <b>Lipoma</b> → fat cells deposition in the space formed dt early separation of cord from the skin.</p> <p>c) <b>Hemangioma</b> → BVs deposition.</p> <p>d) <b>Tuft of hair.</b></p> <p>3) <b>SPHINCTERIC DIST.</b> dt traction of f. terminal (S2,3,4) or fibrous band. (membranous reunions)</p>	<p>1) <b>SWELLING = "CSF ONLY".</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducible - Compressible.</li> <li>• Cystic - Translucent</li> <li>• Expansible impulse on cough.</li> </ul> <p>2) <b>NO NEURO MANIFEST.</b></p>	<p>1) <b>SAME BUT TRANS-OPAQUE.</b></p> <p>2) <b>NEURO MANIFEST.</b> (Motor paralysis – Sensory loss – Sphinct. disturb. - Trophic changes)</p> <p>3) <b>ARNOLD CHIARI</b> → hydro-cephalus.</p> <p><b>NB: MYELOCELE</b> → complete failure of fusion → dribbling of CSF → incompatible with life.</p>
<b>INVEST.</b>	<p>1) <math>\alpha</math> FP. (antenatal)</p> <p>2) Plain X-ray.</p> <p>3) MRI → lumbar spine / brain to diagnose hydro-cephalus.</p>		
<b>TTT.</b>	<p>Not required <b>except if there is Enuresis.</b></p> <p>↓</p> <p>Membrane re-unions should be surgically divided.</p>	<p><b>IRREVERSIBLE → ONLY SURGICAL REPAIR AS HERNIA:</b></p> <p>1) <b>CONTENT</b> → reduced in meningo-myel-ocoele.</p> <p>2) <b>DEFECT</b> → close by lumbar fascia.</p> <p>3) <b>HYDRO-CEPHALUS</b> → Ventriculo-peritoneal shunt.</p>	

# PERIPHERAL N. INJURIES

**PATH.**

**DON'T FORGET TO  
WRITE THE ANATOMY!**

**C/P**

**PROGNOSIS** of repair is best  
with Radial & least with Ulnar

## NEUROPRAXIA

phys. Interruption  
**no** organic damage

Complete M & S loss

No Wallarian deg

Spont. recovery  
in **4-6 wks**

## AXONOTMESIS

Rupture of nerve fibers  
but **outer sheath is intact**

Complete M & S loss

Wallarian deg. after 10  
days → **growth 1 mm/day**

Spont. recovery  
in **8-12 wks. (3ms.)**

## NEUROTOMESIS

partial or complete  
**division** of the n.

Complete M & S loss

✓ but reg. is  
impossible.

Needs **Surgical**  
repair

**INVEST.**

- 1) NCV → (N) in NEUROPRAXIA.
- 2) EMG → Ms. fibrosis OR NOT ?!
- 3) X-RAY → FB, fracture or dislocation.
- 4) QUINIZARIN TEST →  
anhydrosis of anesthetic are.

## All Closed injuries

### CONSERVATIVE

- Splint fixed in pos.  
opposite to the deformity.
- Physio-therapy.
- GALVANIC ⊕

## Opened injuries

- 1) **IF CLEAN** "surgical inj" → 1<sup>st</sup> repair.
- 2) **IF NOT CLEAN** → Delayed 1<sup>st</sup> repair (AFTER 3-4 wks)  
by approx. the 2 cut ends by prolene suture 6/0 &  
facilitate their identification during the 2<sup>nd</sup> operation.
- 3) **IF THERE IS A GAP** → **APPROXIMATION**  
+ Mobilization from the SURR. STRUCTURES  
+ N. GRAFTING using saphenous N.

## ORTHO MEASURES

To improve functionality if  
RECOVERY is impossible:

- ARTHRODESIS.
- TENDON TRANSPLANTATION.

## 1) MOTOR & SENSORY?!

## 2) AUTONOMIC. "TROPIC"

- **Skin** → thin & brittle nails.
- **fingers** → tapering & ulceration.
- **joint** stiffness & **bone** rarefaction.

## 3) PALPABLE NEUROMA.

4) **TINNEL'S SIGN** → tingling ON PERCUS.  
the N. from below upwards.

**TREATMENT**

## CAUSALGIA

"Reflex Sympath. Dystrophy"

## COMPLEX REGIONAL PAIN \$ (TYPE 2)

- **SITE** → **LARGE** NS. (MEDIAN & SCIATIC)
- **ETIOLOGY** → partial N. injury →  
**artificial synapses** bet. afferent sensory  
fibres (pain) & efferent sympath.
- **C/P** → Pain on touching any thing.
- **TTT.** → Sympathectomy.

		MEDIAN NERVE	ULNAR NERVE
ROOTS		C 5, 6, 7, 8 T <sub>1</sub>	C 7,8 & T <sub>1</sub>
ETIOLOGY		<u>INJURY AT THE WRIST : 3C</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cut wound.</li> <li><b>Colle's fracture.</b></li> <li>Carpal tunnel \$.</li> </ul> <u>INJURY AT HIGHER LEVEL (RARE):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supra-condylar fracture of humerus.</li> <li>Elbow dislocations.</li> </ul>	<u>INJURY AT THE WRIST:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cut wound.</li> <li>Fracture lower end of ulna.</li> </ul> <u>INJURY AT THE ELBOW:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fractures &amp; dislocations around elbow.</li> <li>Fracture <b>medial epicondyle</b> of humerus.</li> <li>Delayed ulnar neuritis dt <b>CUBITUS VALGUS DEFORMITY.</b></li> </ul>
➤ CL./P			
INJURY AT THE WRIST	MOTOR	<u>INJURY OF THENAR MS. EXCEPT (ADD. POLICES)*</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Wasting &amp; flattening</b> of thenar eminence + thumb adducted dt * → <b>SEMIAN OR APE HAND DEFORMITY.</b></li> <li><b>Opponens polices</b> → <b>LOSS OF THUMB OPPOSITION.</b></li> <li><b>Flexor &amp; Abd. polices brevis</b> → weak abd. &amp; flexion of thumb → <b>"PEN- TOUCHING TEST"</b></li> </ul>	<u>INJURY OF:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>HYPO-THENAR MS.</b> → <b>Wasting &amp; flattening</b> of hypo-th. eminence.</li> <li><b>ADDUCTOR POLICES</b> → loss of add. of thumb → <b>"FROMENT'S TEST"</b></li> <li><b>INTER-OSSEI</b> → Guttering, no fanning, no adduction → can't grip a sheet of paper bet. extended fingers → <b>+VE CARD BOARD TEST</b></li> <li><b>2 MEDIAL LUMBRICALS</b> → <b>PARTIAL CLAW HAND.</b></li> </ul>
	SENSORY	<u>LOSS OF SENSATION OVER:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lateral 2/3 of palm.</li> <li>Lateral 3 &amp; 1/2 fingers.</li> <li>Dorsum of their terminal phx.</li> </ul>	<u>LOSS OF SENSATION OVER:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medial 1/3 of palm.</li> <li>Medial 1 ½ fingers ONLY on palmar surface! "as the dorsal cutaneous br. arises 2 inches above ! wrist"</li> </ul> <div>COMPLETE CLAW HAND = Median &amp; Ulnar n. injury</div>
INJURY AT ELBOW = AS ABOVE +	MOTOR	<u>INJURY OF:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>FCR</b> → weak flexion of wrist by FCU + ulnar dev.</li> <li><b>FDS + FDP (lat. ½) + lat. 2 lumbricals</b> → loss of flexion of ! index finger → <b>pointing index</b> → <b>CLASPING TEST.</b></li> <li><b>FPL</b> → loss of flexion of terminal phx of thumb.</li> <li><b>2 pronators</b> → loss of pronation of fore arm.</li> </ul>	<u>INJURY OF:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>FCU</b> → radial deviation if flexed against resistance.</li> <li><b>FDP (med. ½)</b> → weak hand grasp + clawing of the medial 2 fingers will be less than when the ulnar nerve is injured at the wrist. <b>(ULNAR NERVE PARADOX) "the higher the lesion, the less the deformity"</b></li> <li><b>Loss of sensation on dorsal &amp; palmar surface!</b></li> </ul>

# MISCELLANEOUS

## RADIAL NERVE INJURY

SITE OF	TRAUMA	MOTOR	SENSORY
ELBOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elbow dislocation.</li> <li>Fracture head of radius.</li> </ul>	Finger drop	<b>No sensory loss</b> dt injury of post. IO. (purely motor)
SPIRAL GROOVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fracture shaft humerus.</li> <li><b>Saturday night paralysis (Neuro-apraxia)</b></li> </ul>	Finger + wrist drop.	<b>SENSORY LOSS ONLY AT THE ANATOMICAL SNUFF BOX</b> dt over-lap of median & ulnar n. all over the dorsum of the hand.
AXILLA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pressure by crutches.</li> <li>Shoulder dislocation.</li> </ul>	Same + <b>can't extend the elbow</b> dt paralysis of triceps	

## AXILLARY "CIRCUMFLEX" NERVE INJURY

- Trauma** → Shoulder dislocation – **fracture surgical neck of humerus.**
- Deltoid** → failure of abd. From 15° to 90° + **flattened shoulder.**
- Upper lat. Cutaneous n. of arm** → loss of sensations over (lower ½ of deltoid) **BADGE AREA**

## BRACHIAL PLEXUS TRUNK INJURY

TRUNK	TRAUMA	NAME	MOTOR	SENSORY
UPPER (C5, 6)	SHOULDER DYSTOCIA	ERB'S	<b>POLICEMAN TIP POS.</b>	<b>Outer arm</b>
LOWER (C8, T1)	BREECH DELIVERY	KLUMPKE'S	<b>COMPLETE CLAW HAND ... DD??</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VIC.</li> <li>Combined ulnar &amp; median n. injury.</li> </ul>	Loss of sensation over medial side of fore arm + Medial 1 ½ fingers + Atrophy of thenar & hypo-th. ms.

## SPINAL CORD INJURY

- CONCUSSION \$** (neuro-apraxia) → spont. recovery in 3 %.
- HEMI-TRANSECTION → BROWN SEQUARD:**
  - Ipsi-lateral** loss of → hemiplegia + deep touch.
  - Contralateral** loss of → pain & temp.
  - Preserved crude (light) touch.**
- CAUDA EQUINA (BELOW L1) = 5S**
  - Sphinteric dist. & Sex dysf. (S2,3,4)
  - Saddle anesthesia.
  - Significant motor weakness.
  - Sciatica. (L4,5 + S1,2,3)
  - Bilateral loss of ankle reflex. (S1)

### C/P = SHOCK PHASE:

- Hypotonia – hypo (AREFLEXIA) - Atonic bladder for 1-2 wks.
- PARADOXICAL BREATHING** in Cx. spine injury.

**LATER** → Spasticity & Automatic bladder.

SPINAL SHOCK	HYPO-VOLEMIC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BRADYCARDIA.</li> <li>WARM EXTREMITIES.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TACHYCARDIA</li> <li>COLD EXTREMITIES.</li> </ul>

- TTT.** → **PREDNISOLONE 1<sup>ST</sup> 8 hrs. to improve the outcome.**
- **ETT if GCS is < 9.**
- **Intermittent catheterization** for Atonic bladder. **12**

## CARPEL TUNNEL \$

**DON'T FORGET TO WRITE THE ANATOMY!**

CAUSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RA – MYXEDEMA – PREGNANCY.</li> <li>• COLLE'S FRACTURE – TENOSYNOVITIS.</li> </ul>
C/P	• EARLIEST → Pain & parathesia in palmar surf. of 3 ½ fingers.
O/E	• LATE → <b>Median n. injury at wrist + BUT NO SENSORY LOSS</b> , (palmar cutaneous n. passes superf. to the retinaculum)
TESTS	(1) <b>PHALENS' SIGN</b> → flexion of wrist → pain & parathesia. (2) <b>TINEL'S SIGN</b> → tapping of the MN at the wrist → pain & parathesia in lat. 2/3 of palm.
INVEST.	NCV → MN show delay at carpel tunnel.
TTT.	NSAID OR STEROIDS / Splitting of retinaculum if sever.

## GLASGOW COMA SCALE "GCS"

	EYE OPENING	VERBAL RESPONSE	MOTOR RESPONSE
6			Obey commands
5		Oriented	Localize pain
4	Spontaneous	Confused	Flexion withdrawal
3	To verb command	In appropriate words	Abnormal flexion. "Decorticate"
2	To pain	Incomprehensive sounds	<b>Abnormal ext.</b> "Decerebrate"
1	none	None	<b>None = Flaccid</b>

- **GCS IS TO ASSES THE SHORT NOT LONG term sequelae of head trauma.**
- **GCS < 9 OR LESS → ETT is a must!**

## MYOTOMES

- Quadriceps & knee jerk → L4.
- C5 → deltoid.
- C6 → Biceps + thumb.
- C7 → triceps + 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> fingers.
- C8 → wrist + 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> fingers.

## HEMATOMA OF THE SCALP

- SUB-CUTANEOUS → Massive bleeding.
- SUB-APNEUROTIC → Diffuse → **Black eye**  
→ contain emissary veins → **CST.**
- SUB-PERI-CRANIAL → limited to the suture line  
→ fibrosis → raised edge  
→ **DD = Depressed fracture → X-ray.**
- BL. FROM WOUNDS OR SCALP INCISION → Eversion of Galea aponeurotica.

## INTRA-CRANIAL HGE

- **CPP = MAP (100) – ICP (10) = 90**
- The min. accepted CPP = **60 mmHg.**
- **CPP is  $\propto$  prop. to MAP &  $1/\propto$  prop. to ICP.**  
**so  $\uparrow$  ICT →  $\downarrow$ CPP → hypertension to overcome.**

## MISC.

- **PALISADE ARRANG.** → BCC– Admantioma – Neurofibroima.
- Most imp initial step in **HEAD INJURIES** → **AIRWAY & ADEQUATE VENT.**
- Worst prognosis in nerve injuries → **mixed.**
- M/C source of 2<sup>ries</sup> in spines → **prostate.**

# DON'T FORGET THE ANATOMY!

	MEDIAN NERVE (P.84)	ULNAR NERVE (P. 88)	RADIAL NERVE (P. 80)
• <u>ORIGIN</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 roots from medial &amp; lat. cords of br. plexus.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medial cord of brachial plexus.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Largest br. of post cord of br. plexus.</li> </ul>
• <u>UPPER 1/3 OF THE ARM!</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Descends lat. to the Axillary &amp; Brachial as.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Descends medial to the Axillary &amp; Brachial as.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Descends behind the Axillary &amp; px. part of Brachial a.</li> <li>Then passes in the spiral groove accomp. by profunda brachii vs.</li> </ul>
• <u>MIDDLE 1/3 OF THE ARM!</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>AT THE LEVEL OF INSERTION OF CORACO-BRACHIALIS</u> It crosses in front of brachial a. from lat. medial.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>AT THE LEVEL OF INSERTION OF CORACO-BRACHIALIS</u> It pierces the medial IM septum to enter the post. compartment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>AT THE LEVEL OF INSERTION OF CORACO-BRACHIALIS</u> It pierces the lateral IM septum to enter the ant. compartment.</li> </ul>
• <u>LOWER 1/3 OF THE ARM!</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Then is descends on the medial side of brachial a. to enter the cubital fossa.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Then is descends behind the medial epicondyle.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Then it descends in bet. brachialis medially &amp; brachio-radialis laterally.</li> </ul>
<u>FOREARM!</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Enters the forearm by</u> passing bet. 2 heads of pronator teres.</li> <li>Then it becomes <u>sandwiched bet.</u> FDS &amp; FDP.</li> <li><u>5 cm above the wrist</u> it becomes superf. to enter the hand superf. to the FR.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Enters the forearm by</u> passing bet. 2 heads of FCU.</li> <li>Then it becomes <u>sandwiched bet.</u> FCU &amp; FDP.</li> <li><u>5 cm above the wrist</u> it becomes superf. to enter the hand superf. to the FR.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<u>TERMINATION</u>	Medial & lateral terminal brs.	Superficial & deep terminal brs.	<u>In front of lat. epicondyle</u> into Superf. (Sensory) & Deep = Post. IO nerve (motor)



## MIDDLE MENINGEAL A. = MMA (P. 103)

- **ORIGIN:** 1<sup>st</sup> part of maxillary a.
- **COURSE:** Passes bet. 2 roots of Auriculo-temporal n.  
Enters the skull via foramen spinosum.
- **TERMINATION:** Ant. & post. branches.  
The ant. branch reaches the pterion. (*M/C site of injury*)

## CARPAL TUNNEL \$ (P. 87)

### ATTACHMENT:

- LATERALLY:** Scaphoid "tubercle" + Trapezium "crest"
- MEDIALY:** Pisiform + Hook of Hamate.

### STRUCTURE PASSING SUPERF. "MEDIAL TO LAT. = NAP"

- Ulnar Nerve.
- Ulnar Artery.
- Palmar cut. branch of UN.
- Tendon of Palmaris longus.
- Palmar cut. branch of MN.

### STRUCTURE PASSING DEEP:

- 8 tendons** = 4 FDS + 4 FDP.
- 2 tendons** = FPL + FCR.
- Median Nerve.**  
"FCU ends at pisiform b4 the FR"